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SUBJECT: LOS: UP-COMING LOS CONFERENCE SESSION

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1. SUMMARY: MEETINGS WITH SENIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS
INDICATE SENEGALESE SHARE US DETERMINATION TO WORK FOR ACCEPTABLE
LOS TREATY DURING NEW YORK SESSION. MARCH 11 NEWSPAPER ARTICLE
BY MEMBER OF GOS DELEGATION WARNS OF POSSIBLE "CONFRONTATION"
BETWEEN LDC'S AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN NEW YORK, BUT
STRESSES THAT FATE OF ALL PARTICIPANTS DEPENDS ON DIALOGUE.
SENEGALESE SEE DELKVMITATION OF CONTINENTAL MARGIN JUGSS-
DICTION AS MOST DIFFICULT REMAINING QUESTION. GOS REPORTEDLY
WILL HOLD OFF UNILATERAL STEPS TO EXTEND TERRITORIAL SEA AND
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EXCLUSIVE FISHING ZONE PENDING OUTCOME OF SESSION. END SUMMARY.(

2. IN SEPARATE MEETINGXS ON MARCH 11, DCM CONVEYED POINTS AS INTRUCTED REFTTEL TO FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY-GENERAL FRANCOIS BO (WHO IS ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER IN ABSENCE OF FORNMIN SECK) AND TO DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND CONSULAR AFFAIRS DOUDOU DIOP (WHO IS MEMBER OF GOS LOS DEVSGATION). WRITTEN AND ORAL DEMARCHES STRESSED US PRIYAREDNESS TO EXERT EVERY EFFORT AT NEW YORK LOS SESSION TO CONCLUDE TREATY WHICH WILL PROTECT FUNDAMENTAL INTECISTS OF ALL PARTICIPANTS. NOTING SENEGAL'S INFLUENTIAL ROLE AMONG GROUP OF 77 IN LOS CONFERENCE, DCM EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL APPROACH SESSION IN POSITIVE SPIRIT, AND URGED GOS REPRESENTATIVES TO CONSULT WITH US DELEGATION ON QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. (DIOP SAID HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUING PAST CONTACTS WITH AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES AT UPCOMING SESVCON.)

3. IN L FGUAGE CLOSELY PARALLELLING OUR OWN, BOTH BOB AND DIOP RESPONDED WITH STATEMENTS OF STRONG SENEGALESE DESIRE TO ARRIVE AT TREATY AT THIS SESSION, RATHER THANWEAVING FIELD OPEN TO CONFLICTING NATIONAL ACTIONS ON LOS MATTERS.

4. DIOP LEAVES SENEGAL MARCH 12 TO JOIN DELEGATION IN NEW YORK. IN ADDITION TO DIOP, DELEGATION CONSISTS OF AMB. AMADOU MOCTAR CISSE (HEAD OF DELEGATION), MBAYE BA, DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES, DOUDOU NDIR, TECHNICAL COUNSELLOR IN PRESIDENCY, NAVY LIEUTENANT MAMADOU THIOUBOU, AND POSSIBLY A REPRESENTATIVE OF MERCHANT MARINE. (SECRETARY GENERAL BOB SAID HE HOPED TO MEET WITH AMB. CISSE DURIGG US VISIT BEGINNING NEXT WEEK.)

5. DAKAR DAILY LE SOLEIL MARCH 11 CONTAINS ARTICLE ON LOS CONFERENCE BY DIOP WHICH WARNS THAT NEW YORK SESSION COULD BECOME ANOTHER ILLUSTRATION OF NORTH-SOUTH CONFRONTATION. IT SUGGESTS THAT NO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE HAS DEMONSTRATED MORE CLEARLY "TRADITIONAL ANTAGONISM BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES." IN FACE OF LDC DEMANDS, "DEVELOPED COUNTRIES CLING TO LOGIC OF WESTERN-INSPIRED ECONOMIC ORDER WHICH WAS PROJECTED IN IMPERIALISTIC MANNER." DUE IN PART TO THIS LACK OF POLITICAL WILL, JUST AND EQUITABLE COMPROMISE HAS NOT YET BEEN REACHED. DIOP CITED DETERMINATION OF MARITIME POWERS "TO DEFEND WITH THE LAST ENERGY THE PRINCIPLE OF THE NARROWEST POSSIBLE TERRITORIAL

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SEA." HE ALSO NOTED THAT MARITIME POWERS LINKED THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF ECONOMIC ZONE PROPOSED BY LDC'S TO RECOGNITION OF PRINCIPLE OF FREE TRANSIT IN INTERNATIONAL STRAITS; HOWEVER, HE SAID PRINCIPLE OF INNOCENT PASSAGE "ALONE CAN GUARANTEE SECURITY" OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ADJACENT TO STRAITS. DIOP ALSO ALLUDED TO "MANEUVRING" BY GREAT POWERS WITHIN LOS CONFERENCE FRAMEWORK TO OBTAIN FORMULATIONS FAVORABLE TO THEM ON QUESTIONS CONCERNING EXPLOITATION OF "INTERNATIONAL ZONE" OF SEA. ARTICLE CONCLUDED

WITH WARNING THAT BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AT LOS CONFERENCE WERE "IN THE SAME BOAT" AND THEIR COMMON DESTINY DEPENDED ON DIALOGUE.

6. IN CONVERSATION WITH DCM, DIOP COMPLAINED THAT NEWSPAPER HAD DELETED SOME SECTIONS OF HIS ARTICLE, AND STRESSED THAT IT WAS PRIMARILY SOVIET ATTITUDE ON LOS WHICH SENEGALESE FOXD UNCOOPERATIVE. BY CONTRAST, HE PRAISED US APPROACH FOR BEING COMPREHENSIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE. NOTING THAT WORK OF COMMITTEE II WAS MOST IMPORTANT, DIOP CITED DELIMINATION OF EXTENT OF COSTAL STATE JURISDICTION OVER CONTINENTAL MARGIN AS MOST DIFFICULT REMAINING PROBLEM, MENTIONING SENEGAL AS ONE STATE WHICH MAY PRESS FOR JURISDICTION OVER FULL PHYSICAL EXTENT OF MARGIN EVEN WHERE IT EXTENDS BEYOND 200 MILES. DIOP STATED THAT LDC'S

INCLUDING SENEGAL, REMAINED PREPARED TO ACCEPT 12- MILE TERRITORIAL SEA LIMIT IF 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONES WERE FULLY ACCEPTED BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. DIOP TREATED CLAIMS OF LAND-LOCKED STATES WITH PARTICULAR ASPERITY, REMARKING THAT SENEGAL HAD NEVER DEMANDED ACCESS TO ZAMBIAN COPPER.

7. DIOP REPEATED ASSURANCES (DAKAR 1035) THAT SENEGAL HAD NO INTENTION OF RAPIDLY IMPLEMENTING PROPOSED MEASURE EXTENDING ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS TO 150 MILES AND EXTENDING EXCLUSIVE

FISHING ZONE TO 200 MILES. HE SAID MEASURE WOULD NOT BE TAKEN UP DURING NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SESSION WHICH JUST CONVENED. DIOP SAID DRAFT LAW WAS SIMPLY PRECAUTION IN CASE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT NOT REACHED.
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